



John Wayne Droney

August 14, 1951 - January 21, 2021

John Droney was born on August 14, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan to Wayne and Bonnie (Bonn) Turanick. His parents divorced when he was very young. When his mother married Raymond Droney, he adopted John. Raymond and Bonnie gave John 3 brothers Fred, Robbie, and Ben and 3 sisters Sherry, Susan, and Norah.

John graduated from high school in Detroit. He worked in the Garment District in Detroit helping to dress models during fashion shows. He served in the U.S. Navy. John was stationed in Lemoore and decided to stay there after he was discharged, working as a civilian on the computer flight simulators.

He worked as a general handy man and there was few things that John could not fix. He graduate from College of the Sequoias with a degree as a paralegal. He specialized in workman's compensations and disability. He did many cases pro bono to help people who could not afford legal help.

John was known for many things. He was always up for a good party and he loved to socialize with people. He was a die-hard San Francisco Giants fan and was a charter member of the new stadium when it was built. He met many of the baseball players and was a collector of their memorabilia. John sponsored the Visalia Junior College Women's Softball Tournament in Visalia. He was a well-known regional referee for men's baseball, women's softball,

and tennis. He was a frequent referee at Cal Poly and Fresno State. John loved to help people in whatever way he could. He volunteered at Central Valley Christian School in the classroom and was well known as the "Pizza Man" because he would deliver and help feed the preschoolers on pizza day. He was the PTA President for Willow Glen School for several years. He was a parent volunteer in the classrooms. He was a volunteer and then president of the Visalia city swim team, The WAVES. He loved music and going to concerts. He loved horse racing and sporting events of all kinds. His favorite places to go were to San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, Disneyland and Morro Bay. John was a friend to all that knew him. He was known for his generous and big heart. He would help people in whatever way he could.

John married LaDonna Tate on April 3, 1993. They raised four children Crista, Cheyenne, Madison and Courtney (also known as Damien.)

John suffered from a chronic illness for many years. On January 21, he died after suffering a heart attack four days earlier.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, February 11th at 4pm at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia CA. Condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Memorial

FEB 11. 4:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of John Wayne Droney*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 11, 2021 at 06:56 PM

PD

*Dear LaDonna and girls, I was so saddened to hear about John's passing. I regret not being able to attend his memorial service. John was such a kind and caring person. I'll never forget LaDonna, all John and you did to help Willow Glen school and its students. You both were immensely kind and generous to me. Again, I will never forget you both. John was always smiling, always cheerful to help anyone he could. I am so thankful for our years at Willow Glen. May you find peace in all the joyful memories of John.
Love, Patti Dudley*

Patti Dudley - February 12, 2021 at 06:21 PM

RH

Ladonna, So sorry to hear of your loss. You and the girls will be in my Thoughts and Prayers. Your friend always, Roger Hoffman

Roger Hoffman - January 28, 2022 at 07:46 PM

CC

“ *Unsure if I should share a memory, however decided to proceed. John and I met when he was living in Nevada, Missouri with parents. His father. Dr. Raymond Droney. John was the first love of my life. We had an unorthodox relationship that started essentially just prior to me going to boot camp in Orlando, Florida in the mid 1970s. We each declared our love for each, however we could never make things work because of main different issues. I know that John kept a low profile online. I have nothing but good memories of John. After reading his obituary it appeared John never lost all those excellent qualities I remember him having. I will always consider him a friend - that is in which I am most proud. Rest in Peace John. I know you will be missed by many, you will be missed by me. I hope his family can find comfort in knowing he made a positive contribution to so many people and activities that he participated.*

Carol Deming Casey - October 18, 2021 at 11:53 AM

RV

“ *Sincere condolences in the loss of my dear friend and officiating buddy. John was on my football crew for several years and was a very good official. We always had a great time together. RIP my friend*



Robert Bob Virden - February 08, 2021 at 01:32 PM

DS

“ Dear LaDonna,
I just read about the loss of John. I'm so sorry. While I didn't know him, I know he made a huge difference in your life. You so happy and alive after you married him. It's really hard to lose a husband and I wish you the best. May God give you peace and comfort.
Fondly,
Dianne Sharples

Dianne Sharples - February 06, 2021 at 01:17 PM

LF

“ I just saw John's obituary & wanted to send my condolences. I'm happy he is no longer suffering. Sending love & kind thoughts to you, LaDonna, & the girls. I'm sorry for what you all had to go through but I am glad to have known you & John.

Lori Ferguson

Lori Ferguson - February 04, 2021 at 09:11 PM

CC

“ "John was a blessing to so many. He had a generous heart and was always willing to lend a hand. I thoroughly our times at the ball park rooting for the SF Giants. Most importantly, John was good friend."

Christa Carrasco

Christa Carrasco - February 03, 2021 at 10:25 PM

TB

“ John will never be forgotten. He was a true friend and we have dearly miss him. Our fun memories will last forever, especially at the ball park and horse races. Rest in Peace John, until we meet again.
Love, Tom and Julie Bair

Tom Bair - February 01, 2021 at 05:55 PM